

Appln No. 10/002,449

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-18, 20-66, and 68-87 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 48, 55, 59-61, and 79 are amended.

Claims 48, 59-61 and 79 are objected to because of informalities. In view of the amendments to the above claims, it is respectfully requested that the above objections be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 19, 20, 30-39, 48-54, 62, 67, 70-79, and 83-87 are deemed allowable. However, it is stated in the Office action that claims 83-87 are dependent upon a rejected base claims. Applicants respectfully note that allowable claims 83-87 are all independent claims. Therefore, allowance of claims 83-87 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-12, 18, 21-29, 40-45, 47, 55-61, 63-69, and 81-82 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin (US 5,440,713). Claims 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin and Madar, III (US Publication 2002/0056032). Claims 13-17, 46, and 80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin.

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitation of the allowable claim 2, independent claim 8 is amended to include the limitation of the allowable claim 19, and independent claim 55 is amended to include the limitation of the allowable claim 67. Accordingly, the amended independent claims 1, 8, and 55 are now allowable and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 3-7, 9-18, 20-54, 56-66, and 68-82 are dependent from claims 1, 8, and 55, respectively and therefore include all the limitations of their respective independent claims and additional limitations therein. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable over the cited references, as being

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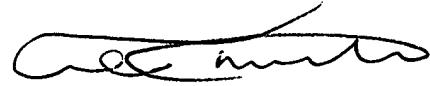
dependent from allowable independent claims and for the additional limitations they include therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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